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Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue SW, Room 434E Washington, DC 20201

ATTENTION: Personalized Health Care RFI

Re: Docket Number E6-18371

Request for Information (RFI): Improving Health and Accelerating Personalized Health Care Through Health Information Technology and Genetic Information in Populationand Community-Based Health Care Delivery Systems

Reference is made to the October 26, 2006 Federal Register notice announcing the request for comments on "Improving Health and Accelerating Personalized Health Care Through Health Information Technology and Genetic Information in Population-and Community-Based Health Care Delivery Systems."

AstraZeneca applauds the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for soliciting information on this important topic and endorses a view that Personalized Medicine and Healthcare Information Technology together hold significant promise to transform healthcare and help the U.S. meet the dual challenge of improving the quality of health care while controlling costs. Having contributed to and thoroughly reviewed the response to this RFI from the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association, and the Personalized Medicine Coalition, AstraZeneca supports the information and views provided by those organizations in their response.

Please direct any questions or requests for additional information to me, or in my absence, to Barry Sickels, Executive Director, Regulatory Affairs, at (302)886-5895.

Sincerely,

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